

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) Formwork intended in use for the consecutive formation of a plurality of panels, each subsequent panel being formed upon a previous panel wherein a bed for a subsequent panel is defined by an upper surface of the previous panel, said formwork comprising a base, a plurality of sides and corners at the intersections of the respective sides, the base and sides defining a forming space for formation of the panels above the bed, at least one side being defined by a side member supported by a pair of columns located at the respective corners, said at least one side member having a width at least corresponding to the desired thickness of the panels, the remaining sides closed by wall elements having a height corresponding to the thickness of a plurality of said panels, each column having locating elements adapted to receive and support the respective side member at a plurality of locations along the length of the column, said locations having a spacing substantially corresponding to the desired thickness of the panel, wherein the side member extends from the upper surface of the previous panel to define the forming space for the subsequent panel, wherein each column comprises a first upright member supported from a base member wherein the locating elements are spaced vertically along the upright member and the column further comprises a second upright member pivotable on the base member to be movable relative to the first upright member between a first position at which the second upright member clampingly engages the side member against the

first upright member and a second position at which the second upright member is in a non-clamping engagement with the side member, and further including a retaining element provided to retain the first and second upright members in clamping engagement with the side member; said side members being vertically repositionable on said support means through a range of locations to define a moulding space at each location.

2. (Original) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein all side members are supported by respective adjacent pairs of columns.
3. (Cancelled)
4. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the side member has a height corresponding to the desired thickness of the panel.
5. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the locating elements are configured and arranged to receive corresponding formations on the side member.
6. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 5 wherein the locating elements have notches with a shape that is configured to correspond with the shape of the formation.
7. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the locations are positioned to support a side member in closely abutting relationship to an adjacent position.
- 8-9. (Cancelled)
10. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the retaining element comprises a top-piece which is configured and arranged to

engage the upper portions of the first upright member and the second upright member to hold them in the first position.

11. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the forming space is rectangular in plan view.
12. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the upper face of the panels which define the bed of the subsequent panels is coated and/or treated to prevent the subsequent panel from adhering to the upper face.

13-18. (Cancelled)

19. (Previously Presented) A method for the consecutive formation of a plurality of panels utilising formwork of the form claimed at claim 1, wherein each subsequent panel is formed upon a previous panel, the method comprising forming a first panel wherein the at least one side member is at its lowest position on the columns and the lower face of the first panel is formed by the base, wherein on the concrete contained in the forming space setting the subsequent panel is formed, wherein the forming of the subsequent panels comprises disengaging the retaining element from the first and second upright members at the at least one side, moving the second upright members at the at least one side to their second position, locating the at side member to extend between the first upright members to be engaged with the locating elements, positioning second side members to extend between a respective pair of support means, moving the second upright members to their first positions, engaging the retaining element between the upright members, and

pouring concrete into said forming space and allowing said concrete to set to form the subsequent panel.

20-23. (Cancelled)

24. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein the other sides have a height corresponding to the combined desired thicknesses of a number of panels,

25. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 10 wherein the top-piece is adjustable in length.

26. (Previously Presented) Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein one pair of opposed sides have a height corresponding to the accumulated thickness of a plurality of panels, and the side members define the other pair of opposed sides.

27(NEW). Formwork as claimed at claim 1 wherein said second upright member is pivotable in a vertical plane between said first and second positions.

28 (NEW). A formwork for making successive concrete panels on top of each other comprising:

a base;

a plurality of sides including at least one wall member fixed in a vertical position and having a height equal to the widths of a plurality of concrete panels, and at least one side member having a height equal to the width of one of said concrete panels; and

a plurality of corners disposed at intersections of said sides and including two adjacent corners supporting said one side member;

said base, sides and corners cooperating to define a first form for making a first concrete panel;

thereafter, said first concrete panel, sides and corners cooperating to define subsequent forms for subsequent concrete panels on top of a previous panel with each subsequent form having a subsequent base formed of the respective previous concrete panel;

wherein each said adjacent corners include a first upright member being fixed in a vertical position and a second upright member selectively movable between a first position in which said first and second uprights capture an end of said side member and a second position away from said first upright, wherein said one end of said side member is free to be disengaged from said corner.

29 (NEW). The formwork of claim 28 wherein said second upright is pivotable in a vertical plane between said first and second positions.

30 (NEW). The formwork of claim 28 wherein said sides include two opposed wall members and two opposed side members, each side member being supported by adjacent corners having respective first and second uprights, said uprights including positioning members for supporting said side members at positions defining each of said concrete panels.